Setting up Universities for Women

981. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up universities in each State exclusively for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the provision made for the purpose in the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to promote women education in that Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) UGC proposes to continue to provide financial assistance for establishment of Women's Studies Centres/Cells in Universities and Colleges and construction of Women's Hostels; Award of Part-time Research Associateship for Women to enable them to take up post-doctral research, independently, or on project assignment basis, in Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Engineering and Technology.

Assistance for Construction of School Buildings

982. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of assistance rendered to States, particularly to Orissa, during the fast two years for construction of Basic School/ Primary School/Secandary School buildings and the details of such assistance proposed to be given in the near future; and

(b) what is the percentage of schools in Orissa that do not have school buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Construction of school buildings is primarily the responsibility of State Government/UT Administrations. However, under the Scheme of Operation Black Board, the Ministry of Rural Development releases funds for construction of primary school buildings on sharing basis. During 1997-98 and 1998-99, assistance to the tune of Rs.3268.51 lakhs and Rs.3959.00 lakhs respectively have been provided to States by that Ministry. During the same period, Rs.720.00 lakh and Rs.623.00 lakh have been provided to Orissa. Besides, funds are also available under the District Primary Education Programme which is currently in operation in 219 districts of the country including 8 districts in Orissa.

(b) As per the Sixth All-India Educational Survey (1993), 12.38% of schools in Orissa do not have pucca school buildings.

Infrastructural requirements of Primary and Secondary Schools

983. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the primary and secondary school infrastructure at present;

(b) what were the objectives of Operation Black Board Scheme;

(c) how far these have been achieved; and

(d) whether Government have got any time-bound programme to improve infrastructural requirements of our primary and secondary schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) As per the Sixth All-India Educational Survey Report 1993, 5,47,608 schools had pucca buildings, 1,58,226 had partly pucca buildings, 68,438 had kachcha buildings, 20,744 had thatched huts and 2,352 were operating in tents.